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TAGS: EAGR, EEC

SUBJECT: LEVIES ON EC IMPORTS OF MILLING RESIDUES

REFERENCES: (A) LONDON 12222 (B) THE HAGUE 04378

1. WE ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS (REFTELS) THAT

EC PLANS TO CONSOLIDATE TARIFF ITEM 23.02AIIA WITH 23.02AIIB. SUCH A CONSOLIDATION WOULD RESULT IN A FOUR-FOLD INCREASE IN THE LEVY PAID ON WHEAT MILLING BY-PRODUCTS. IN OUR VIEW THE TIMING OF THE REPORTED CONSOLIDATION IS ESPECIALLY REGRETTABLE GIVEN THE ONGOING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FYI. U.S. EXPORTS OF WHEAT MILLING BY-PRODUCTS TO THE EC WERE 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1975, 16.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1976, AND 22.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1977. THE EC IS THE LARGEST U.S. EXPORT MARKET FOR WHEAT MILLING BY-PRODUCTS, TAKING 97 PERCENT OF OVERALL U.S. EXPORTS BETWEEN 1975 AND 1977 WHICH TOTALLED 50.4 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH COMMISSION AND HOST GOVERNMENTS IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REPORTED CHANGES. AT SAME TIME, EMBASSIES IN EC CAPITALS ARE ASKED TO MAKE DISCRETE

INQUIRIES WITH STATE FEED ASSOCIATIONS AND COMPOUNDERS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS REGARDING REPORTED CONSOLIDATION. USEC SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR INQUIRY WITH FEFAC. AIM OF THESE INQUIRIES SHOULD BE TO DETERMINE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION, IDENTIFY MOST PERSUASIVE OPPOSITION ARGUMENTS, AND LOCATE BEST POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

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4. ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSIES ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO ASSESS POTENTIAL IMPACT OF CONSOLIDATION ON U.S. EXPORTS IN EACH MEMBER STATE MARKET. USEC REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMUNITY-WIDE IMPACT ON U.S. EXPORTS. POSTS SHOULD ALSO REPORT ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY OBTAIN REGARDING SIMILAR MEASURES EFFECTING OTHER BY-PRODUCTS (E.G. CORN GLUTEN, CITRUS PULP) WHICH MAY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION EITHER WITHIN THE TRADE OR BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES. ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 22 TO ENABLE WASHINGTON TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP. VANCE

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